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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/713,194	Applicant(s) NAMIZUKA ET AL.	
	Examiner Stephen M. Brinich	Art Unit 2624	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 June 2005.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 November 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Response filed 6/24/05, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-11 under 35 USC §102 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Higashio and Takahashi et al.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1, 5-6, & 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Higashio.

Re claims 1 & 6, Higashio discloses a document reading method and apparatus in which a reading unit 8 reads a document

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at a constant speed (column 5, lines 7-21) to generate digital image data. Information representing the document size (image size, input resolution) is then detected and stored in a database in association with the document (Figure 5; column 5, lines 43-59). An enlargement/reduction factor is then calculated based on this information and on a selected enlargement/reduction condition ("actual size", "original size", or "paper size"), and enlargement or reduction of the image data is carried out in accordance with this calculated result (Figure 11; column 7, line 45 - column 9, line 13).

Re claims 5 & 10, the detection of an original document size inherently includes the detection of at least two pixels (top and bottom or left and right) demarcating that size; thus, this detection reads on the determination of a "reference pixel" that is used to calculate "relocation data" for the output image.

Re claim 11, Higashio further discloses (column 4, lines 55-60) the storage of a program on a computer readable medium for directing a computer to carry out this document reading method.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 2-4 & 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Higashio in view of Takahashi et al.

Re claims 2-4 & 7-9, Higashio does not disclose the lateral shifting or rotation of document images by a determined amount. Takahashi et al discloses (Figures 14-16; column 9, line 30 - column 11, line 6, particularly column 10, lines 27-53) the lateral shifting of document images in both horizontal and vertical directions by a determined amount and (in the case of Figure 16; column 10, line 65 - column 11, line 6) 90 degree rotation of document images in order to fit the images onto the output printout.

Higashio and Takahashi et al are combinable because they are from the field of document scanning, enlargement/reduction processing, and printing.

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At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the Takahashi et al image shifting and rotation in the Higashio scanning and printing arrangement.

The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to enable the Higashio scanning and printing arrangement to produce documents formatted with margins and binding margins of the type described in Takahashi et al.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Higashio with of Takahashi et al to obtain the invention as specified in claims 2-4 & 7-9.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will

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expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning the contents of this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Brinich at 571-272-7430.

Any inquiry relating to the status of this application or proceeding or any inquiry of a general nature concerning application processing should be directed to the Tech Center 2600 Customer Service center at 571-272-2600 or to the USPTO Contact Center at 800-786-9199 or 703-308-4357. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays 7:00-4:30, alternate Fridays off.


If attempts to contact the examiner and the Customer Service Center are unsuccessful, supervisor David Moore can be contacted at 571-272-7437.

Faxes pertaining to this application should be directed to the Tech Center 2600 official fax number, which is 571-273-8300 (as of July 15, 2005).

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